

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 104  
By Kurita

A RESOLUTION to congratulate Secretary of State Riley Darnell and his wife Penny on the birth of their first grandchild, Neil Kirk Darnell.

WHEREAS, on February 13, 1997, there entered into this world an extremely vocal 9 pound, 6 ounce, 20 1/2 inches long bouncing baby boy named Neil Kirk Darnell; and

WHEREAS, the sterling lad's coming had been much heralded, and his final arrival was welcomed with a sigh of relief by parents and grandparents alike; and

WHEREAS, this veritable bundle of joy named Neil Kirk Darnell is a most welcome addition to the Darnell household as Mom and Pop, Whit and Shea, can barely contain their excitement at the birth of their child; and

WHEREAS, Neil's grandfather is former Senator Riley Darnell, who began his illustrious legislative career by serving the 67th District of the House of Representatives from the 87th through 91st General Assemblies; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Darnell was later elected to the Senate and served with acumen from the 92nd through the 97th General Assemblies; and

WHEREAS, during his exemplary tenure in the Senate, Riley Darnell served as Majority Leader from 1989-1992 and as a member of the Finance Ways and Means Committee,

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Judiciary Committee, Ethics Committee, Calendar Committee and Council on Pensions and Retirement; and

WHEREAS, Senator Darnell also served with distinction as the Secretary of the Select Joint Committee on Children and Youth and as the Speaker's designee to the Fiscal Review Committee; and

WHEREAS, he is a member of various organizations, including the National Conference of State Legislatures, the Southern Legislative Conference of the Council of State Governments, the Clarksville and Dover Chambers of Commerce, the Association of the U.S. Army, the Clarksville Civitan Club and the Clarksville Moose Club; and

WHEREAS, This General Assembly finds it appropriate to join the Darnell family in celebrating this joyous event; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE-HUNDREDTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, That we hereby honor and congratulate Secretary of State Riley Darnell and his wife, Penny Darnell on the birth of their grandson, Neil Kirk Darnell.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.